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SPEAKING OF STAMPS

ANNCR: AND NOW, COLLECTOR'S CORNER, AND NOTES OF INTEREST FOR VOA LISTENERS WHO COLLECT THINGS, WHETHER THEY BE STAMPS OR COINS SNUFF BOTTLES OR OLD AUTOS OR JUST BALLS OF STRING. TODAY, GEORGE MISHLER IS SPEAKING OF STAMPS... WITH NOTES ON NEW ISSUES BY NATIONS OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES HONORING THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL. TODAY, SOME STAMP SALUTES FROM THE CARIBBEAN.

VOICE: ONE OF THE MORE INTERESTING STAMP SETS COMMEMORATING THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT COMOREAN STATE. THE THEME OF THE SERIES IS THE AMERICAN "CONQUEST OF THE WEST." SIX STAMPS, A MINIATURE SHEET AND TWO SOUVENIR SHEETS, WILL TELL IN PICTURES THE STORY OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE U-S WESTERN TERRITORY.

A 15-FRANC STAMP STARTS THE SET WITH PORTRAITS OF EXPLORERS MERIWEATHER LEWIS AND WILLIAM CLARK. JOHN FREMONT AND KIT CARSON ARE SHOWN ON A 25 FRANC STAMP. DANIEL BOONE AND BUFFALO BILL CODY WITH A WAGON TRAIN APPEAR ON A 35 FRANC AND RICHARD EGAN AND JOHHN FREY, ALONG WITH THEIR PONY EXPRESS, ARE ON THE 40 FRANC ISSUE. HENRY WELLS AND WILLIAM FARGO WITH A WELLS-FARGO STAGECOACH ARE SHOWN ON A 75 FRANC STAMP, AND LELAND STANFORD AND THOMAS DURANT WITH THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD ARE DEPICTED ON A 500 FRANC ISSUE.

VOICE: (CONT) THE 400 FRANC SOUVENIR SHEET FROM COMORA SHOWS AN INDIAN PRAYING WHILE FLANKED BY AN EXPLORER AND AN INDIAN CHIEF IN THE STAMP PORTION OF THE SHEET, WHILE THE REMAINDER SHOWS THE EVOLUTION OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE DAYS OF THE COVERED WAGON TO THE SPACE AGE.

THE SUBJECT OF THE 1500 FRANC GOLD FOIL SHEET IS U-S NAVAL HERO JOHN PAUL JONES. THE MINIATURE IS MADE UP OF FOUR 1000 FRANC COMOREAN STAMPS AND PORTRAYS GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON IN A WINTER SCENE.

DOMINICA IS OFFERING A SET OF SIX STAMPS COMMEMORATING THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL. FEATURED IN THE SERIES IS AN AMERICAN INFANTRYMAN ON THE HALF-CENT; AN ENGLISH THREE DECKER SHIP OF 1782 ON THE ONE CENT; GEORGE WASHINGTON ON THE TWO CENT; BRITISH SAILORS ON THE 45 CENT; A BRITISH ENSIGN WITH REGIMENTAL COLORS ON THE 75 CENT; AND ADMIRAL HOOD ON THE ONE DOLLAR STAMP. EACH OF THE DOMINICA STAMPS FEATURES A MAP IN THE BACKGROUND -- THREE OF THE EASTERN U.S. AND THREE OF THE CARIBBEAN AREA.

A SOUVENIR SHEET WILL INCLUDE ONE EACH OF THE 75 CENT AND ONE DOLLAR VALUES.

BARBUDA HAS ISSUED ITS AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL SET IN TRIPTYCH FORM, THAT IS, THREE STAMPS IN A STRIP TO MAKE A SINGLE PICTURE.

VOICE: (CONT) THEY WILL REPRODUCE FAMOUS PAINTINGS. "THE SURRENDER OF LORD CORNWALLIS' ARMY AT YORKTOWN" IS SHOWN ON THE 15 CENT VALUE. "THE BATTLE OF PRINCETON" IS ON THE 35 CENT. "THE SURRENDER OF GENERAL BURGOYNE AT SARATOGA" IS DEPICTED ON THE ONE DOLLAR STAMP. A "THOMAS JEFFERSON PRESENTING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE TO JOHN HANCOCK, PRESIDENT OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS" IS FEATURED ON THE 2 DOLLAR VALUE.

ANNCR: YOU'VE BEEN LISTENING TO COLLECTOR'S CORNER. THE PROGRAM FOR FUN AND PROFIT. TODAY WE WERE SPEAKING OF STAMPS... ISSUED BY NATIONS HONORING THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL. JOIN US AGAIN NEXT _____(AT THIS TIME) FOR ANOTHER LOOK INTO COLLECTOR'S CORNER.

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